

Moving Art

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The
Cambridge River Festival June 16

The Cambridge Arts Council

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Cambridge Arts Council invites artists to submit proposals for temporary visual works at the 2007 Cambridge River Festival, taking place along a one-mile stretch on the banks of the Charles River. Attracting over 100,000 people annually, the event provides a wonderful opportunity for a highly visible, interactive, temporary installation.

The 28th Cambridge River Festival is a free one-day celebration of the arts, and will feature two main music stages, a dance stage, a contemporary sound installation across the Weeks Footbridge, over 100 specialty food purveyors and craft vendors, a participatory art making area, dance lessons, roving performers, and many other additions that will enhance this lively outdoor celebration. This year's theme is **Twist & Shout**.

CONCEPT

Individuals and/or teams are invited to participate in building mobile sculptures that will move around the festival site, and be exhibited in Cambridge before and/or after the festival date. The ideal proposals will engage audiences and compliment the festival atmosphere. Artists are encouraged to use various forms of movement, materials and structure. We are looking for large-scale works that normally do not "fit" within the confines of a gallery space.

5-7 artists/teams will be selected to participate and each artist/team will receive a \$500 honorarium for materials and/or artist stipend. There is no minimum/maximum for amount of participants on each team.

WHAT DOES "MOVING" MEAN?

As an adjective....

1. capable of having movement
2. causing or producing motion
3. involved in changing the location of possessions
4. involving a motor vehicle in motion
5. actuating, instigating, or impelling
6. stirring or evoking strong feelings or emotions

SELECTION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Cambridge Arts Council staff and affiliates will evaluate artists' proposal submissions. Selection criteria include: feasibility of submitted proposal; artistic merit as evidenced by the submitted material; innovation and creativity of project; appropriateness of the proposed work and materials for the project site, including its safety in a public setting.

* **Thursday, March 1, 2007**

Deadline for response to RFP (received by 5pm)

* **Monday, March 19, 2007**

Notification for projects accepted

* **Saturday, June 16, 2007**

Cambridge River Festival - rain or shine!

ELIGIBILITY

Any artist or artist team who is capable of being present on-site for the set-up, operation and removal of their project on Festival day is eligible to apply.

GUIDELINES

Artist(s) must be able to transport work to and from festival site and exhibition site.

APPLICATION DELIVERY

Proposals due by 5pm on Thursday, March 1st, 2007 at:

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Materials should include a completed application, proposal summary and support materials. Cambridge Arts Council will make every effort to protect submitted materials, however, it will not be responsible for any loss or damage. Support materials will be returned if a self-addressed and stamped envelope is included in application. Otherwise, applicants must pick up materials from CAC administrative offices.